

“It is hereby made the duty of every physician practicing medicine in the State of Louisiana to report to the State Health Officer, through the Health Unit of the parish or municipality wherein such physician practices, any case or suspected case of reportable disease which he is attending, or has examined, or for which such physician has prescribed. The report shall be made promptly at the time the physician first visits, examines or prescribes for the patient, and such report shall state the name, age, sex, race, usual residence, place where the patient is to be found, the nature of the disease and the date of onset.” (Sanitary Code, State of Louisiana: Chapter 2, Sec. 2:004; Rev. 3-84) In addition to physician reporting, laboratories are required to report the results of tests which either confirm or suggest the occurrence of reportable diseases as specified by law. Additionally, Sec. 2:006 states “It shall be the duty of every osteopath, coroner, medical examiner, dentist, homeopath, infection control practitioner, medical records director, nurse, nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, physician assistant, podiatrist, social worker, veterinarian, and any other health care professional to report a confirmed case of reportable disease as specified in Section 2:003 in which he or she has examined or evaluated, or for which he or she is attending or has knowledge.”

REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Hepatitis, Acute (A, B, C, Other)	Rubella (German measles)
Amebiasis	Hepatitis B carriage in pregnancy	Rubella (congenital syndrome)
Arthropod-borne encephalitis (Specify type)	Herpes (neonatal)	Salmonellosis
Blastomycosis	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection ³	Shigellosis
Botulism ¹	Legionellosis	Staphylococcus aureus (infection; resistant to methicillin/oxacillin or vancomycin)
Campylobacteriosis	Lyme Disease	Streptococcus pneumoniae (infection; resistant to penicillin)
Chancroid ²	Lymphogranuloma venereum ²	Syphilis ²
Chlamydial infection ²	Malaria	Tetanus
Cholera ¹	Measles (rubeola) ¹	Tuberculosis ⁴
Cryptosporidiosis	Meningitis, other bacterial or fungal	Typhoid fever
Diphtheria	Mumps	Varicella (chickenpox)
Enterococcus (infection; resistant to vancomycin)	Mycobacteriosis, atypical ⁴	Vibrio infections (excluding cholera) ¹
Escherichia coli 0157:H7 infection	Neisseria meningitidis infection ¹	
Gonorrhea ²	Pertussis	
Haemophilus influenzae infection ¹	Rabies (animal & man)	
Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF)	

¹ Report suspected cases immediately by telephone. In addition, all cases of rare or exotic communicable diseases and all outbreaks shall be reported.

² Report on STD-43 form. Report cases of syphilis with active lesions by telephone.

³ Report on EPI-2430 card. Name and street address are optional but city and ZIP code must be recorded.

⁴ Report on CDC 72.5 (f. 5.2431) card.

All reportable diseases and conditions other than the venereal diseases, tuberculosis and those conditions with *'s should be reported on an EPI-2430 card and forwarded to the local parish health unit or the Epidemiology Section, P.O. Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160, Phone: 504-568-5005 or 1-800-256-2748 or FAX: 504-568-5006. All facsimile transmissions are considered as part of the confidential disease case report, and as such, are not subject to disclosure.

OTHER REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

Cancer	Severe traumatic head injury**
Complications of abortion	Severe under nutrition (severe anemia, failure to thrive)
Congenital hypothyroidism*	Sickle cell disease (newborns)*
Galactosemia*	Spinal cord injury**
Hemophilia*	Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
Lead Poisoning	
Phenylketonuria*	
Reye's Syndrome	

* Report to the Louisiana Genetic Diseases Program Office by telephone (504) 568-5070 or FAX (504) 568-7722.

** Report on DDP-3 form; preliminary phone report from ER encouraged (504-568-2509).